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1. Laos

a. The Pathet Lao is renewing its peace offensive as the lull in the military situation continues.

b. Souphannouvong has sent word to Souvanna urging that the Plaine des Jarres talks, broken off just before the 19 April coup, be reconvened immediately.

c. This dovetails with efforts by the French to find a solution in line with their objectives.

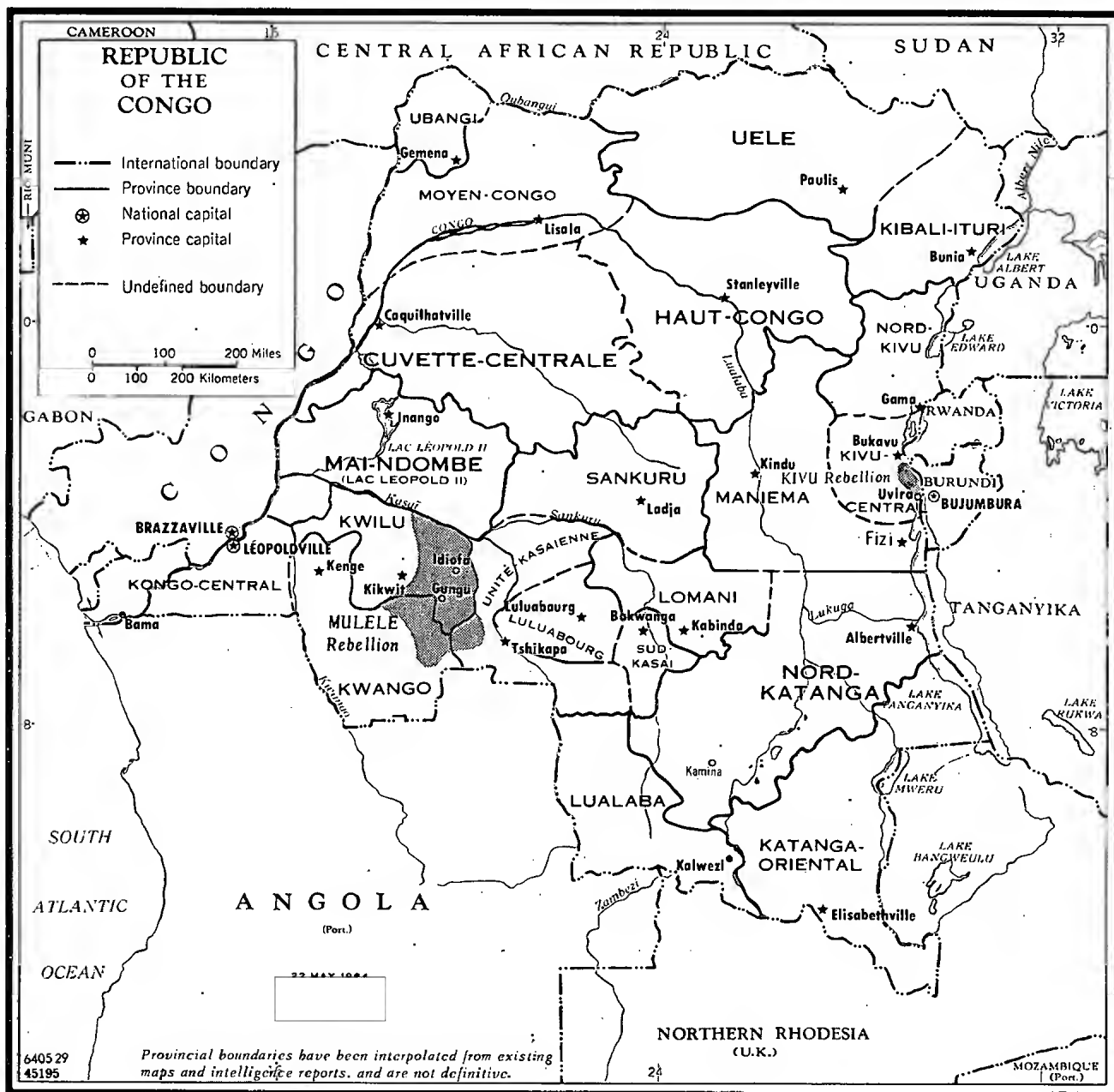
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2. Congo

a. The situation in Kivu remains desperate.

b. Bukavu is wide open to rebel attack, with no reliable forces in sight to defend the provincial capital. Remnants of Leopoldville's army are preparing to ambush advancing rebel forces, but they have little to fight with even if their spirit were willing.



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the UN command is preparing to evacuate 30 Nigerian policemen and other members of the UN staff in Bukavu, leaving only a few doctors and personnel "who cannot be spared." Alarm among Europeans and African moderates still there has now turned to panic.

3. South Korea

a. Kim Chong-pil told Ambassador Berger yesterday that he had turned in his resignation as chairman of the Democratic Republican Party.

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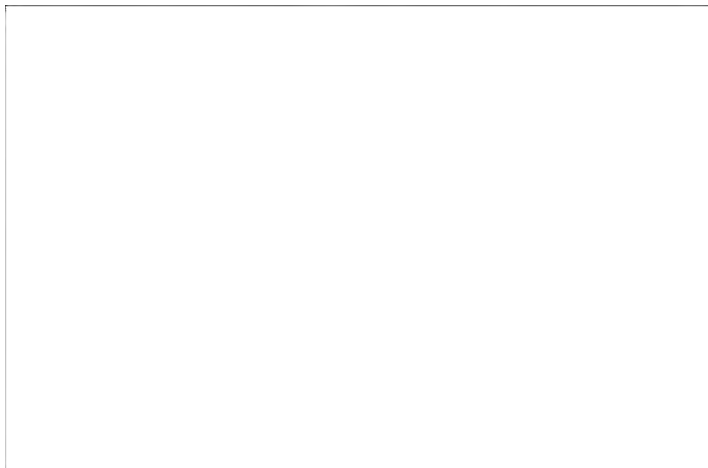
[REDACTED] Party leaders were closeted with Pak most of yesterday.

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c. It probably will take a day or two for the cloudy political atmosphere in Seoul to clear enough to reveal just where the contending power factions stand.

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4. South Vietnam

a. A touchy trial opens in Saigon today which may give both Catholic and Buddhist trouble-makers something to scream about.

b. Major Dang Sy, former provincial official in Hué, is being tried for his role in ordering the shooting of Buddhist demonstrators there last year.

c. Catholics believe the government and Buddhist leaders are out for revenge, while the Buddhists are frustrated because the trial is not being held in Hué. Militants on both sides, who have been looking for a good reason to demonstrate, probably will use the trial to keep communal tempers hot.

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NOTES

- A. Cyprus The conscription bill has been passed by the Cypriot legislature, but Vice President Kutchuk says he will veto it.
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- B. India Shastri is in. His election as parliamentary leader this morning ends the first war of the succession. The unanimous vote papered over the conflicts in the Congress Party, but the kind of factionalism which has sapped the party at the state and local levels is already heavily infecting the national leadership. Shastri's unifying talents and wide support should help maintain the legacy of stability for some time, however.
- C. British Guiana Janet Jagan's resignation yesterday as home minister is a puzzler. Her move may have stemmed from dissatisfaction over the fact that her ministry has administrative but not operational control of the police. She has been at odds with the British police commissioner for some time, and accuses the force of political bias. One effect of her action has been to torpedo talks under way among Jagan and the two opposition leaders.

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- D. Argentina The General Confederation of Labor claims it will "occupy" public services beginning today. The government, caught between labor pressure and rising public and employer criticism, is losing patience. It already has put the unions on notice that force will be used to prevent any interference with public services.